

# SPORTS FROM FAR AND NEAR

## BASEBALL BUILDS ATHLETIC NATION, SAYS A. G. SPAULDING

Trains in Running, Jumping and Throwing as Well as Quickens Eye and Brain; Responsible for American Fitness

OLYMPIC SUCCESS DIRECTLY TRACEABLE

Veteran Sporting Promoter Opines Youth of This Country Have Advantage in Body Building Over Foreigners

A. G. Spaulding, who was appointed by President McKinley American commissioner to the Olympic games at Paris in 1900, and who follows all athletic events of whatever character with the keenest interest, has a theory about the invariable success of American athletes in international contests that is original and worthy of consideration.

"Of course," said Mr. Spaulding, "I am not surprised at the result at Stockholm. History has been repeating itself in this way ever since the celebration of the Olympic games was inaugurated at Athens. America won the victory there in 1896; she triumphed at Paris in 1900; our athletes were again victorious at St. Louis in 1904; the victory was a foregone conclusion that we would win at Stockholm."

"But there is food for thought in this uninterrupted succession of triumphs. Why do our athletes always win? All other things being equal, the contestants in this country holding the event should naturally come to the front. Their numbers are always greater than those from any other country, and the home grounds' influence is strong. However, that advantage has not in any case prevented American success."

"Therefore, there must be a cause. What is it? Measured by scale and tape, our athletes are not so much superior as a class. The theory of 'more beef' must be discarded. We may not lay claim to all the best trainers of the world. We must look to some other source for American prowess."

"I may be a prejudiced judge, but I believe the whole secret of these continued successes is to be found in the kind of training that comes with the playing of America's national game, and our competitors in other lands may never hope to reach the standard of American athletes until they learn this lesson and adopt our pastime."

"The question, 'When should the training of a child begin?' has been wisely answered by the statement that it should antedate his birth. The training of baseball may not go back quite that far, but it approaches the time as nearly as practicable, for America starts training of future Olympian winners very early in life. Youngsters not yet big enough to attend school begin quickening their eyesight and sharpening their wits and strengthening their hands and arms and legs by playing on baseball fields ready at hand in the meadows of farms, the commons of villages and the parks of cities all over the land."

"Baseball combines running, jumping, throwing and everything that constitutes the athletic events of the Olympian games. But, above all, it imparts to the player that degree of confidence in competition, that indefinable something that enables one athlete to win over another who may be his physical equal, but who is lacking the American spirit begotten of baseball."

"An analysis of the 1912 Olympian

games shows that the Americans showed to best advantage in contests where the stress of competition was hardest. In the dashes they were supreme; in the hurdles they were in a class by themselves, and in the high jump and pole vault there was no one worthy of their steel. When ever quick thinking and acting was required, an American was in front. Does not this fact prove that the American games of baseball enables the player to determine in the fraction of a second what to do to defeat his contestant?"

## STOVALL'S SALE WAS GREATEST "BONEHEAD"

Naps Lost By Passing Up Man Who is Licking Browns Into Shape.

The Detroit News says: One deal that promises to be one of the "greatest boneheads of all times" and certainly stands out as the mistake of the season, was the substitution of Harry Davis for George Stovall as the Naps' manager and the subsequent trading of Stovall for Lefty George.

The Naps now own a second division place and are almost certain to keep it. Present indications are that third place will be the best they can do. There is no traceable reason except the change in leadership.

Stovall took the reins of the Cleveland club when Jim McGuire dropped them last season and speedily put his bunch in fighting shape, dashing up through the league in wonderful style. He left Davis the same crew, minus only himself as first baseman. Davis has been unable to do anything with them, and every change he makes puts the club in worse shape.

Stovall, on the other hand, has been made manager of the Browns and threatens to create a sensation in the American league. He has shaken the chronic tailenders in a way that they have never before seen. He has ruthlessly weeded out every man who he could not use, and brought in youngsters by the droves.

As a result the Browns, one day, play wonderful ball—winning the checkered Washington. Then again they are so bad that never in the palmy days of the undisputed cellar championship has anything worse been displayed. Stovall doesn't care. When he gets all the bush league kids taught big league manners, he will be up there and fighting, and St. Louis will be in same.

## MEETING OF 15,000 RIDERS.

Another motorcycle city was temporarily formed in Livermore, Calif., recently when 15,000 motorcyclists gathered at the second annual barbecue and paid tribute to the recreational advantages of the two-wheeler. They had come from all parts of the Pacific coast to this the annual reunion of the associated motorcycle clubs of central California.

Similar to the meeting last year there were motorcycle races, games, dancing and feasts and the whole vicinity of Livermore—fifty miles from San Francisco—was filled with motorcyclists.

## WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THIS?

In Los Angeles there's a woman motorcyclist who is so enthusiastic about riding that she wants to join the police motorcycle squad of the city as a woman police officer. And although the Angel City strives to be progressive, the chief of police has taken no action looking toward a "co-educational" police department can be increased by having a woman officer and she's after the job.

And who knows but that she may be right?

## "ERRORLESS KID"

Seals' Second Baseman Goes 19 Games Free of "Boneheads."

Kid Mohler has just made what baseball experts consider a remarkable record for an infielder. The San Francisco second sacker has gone nineteen straight games without an error being charged against him. Two of these games were with Oakland, eleven with Vernon in the south and six against Portland. He broke his run in the afternoon game against Portland last Sunday, but for all that it's a wonderful performance. All told, he had 167 chances during the nineteen games, which is an average of 5 12-17 chances per game. Not at all bad. Bring along your record smashers.

## PASS TO PINCHER IS SPORT KILLER

Prominent Fan Scores Practice of Walking, Good Sticklers Loss of Interest.

In the current issue of Collier's Weekly, Editor Hapgood suggests that a rule be framed blocking the deliberate attempt to pass any hard hitter in one of the tight situations of battle. Ninety-nine fans out of every 99 will agree with him in this suggestion. The greatest moment of battle—the most appealing and the most thrilling—arises when the star batsman comes up at a critical juncture, with runners in front waiting for the crack of his trusty club. Nothing else so grips and holds the audience, and the anti-climax which arrives as the pitcher deliberately tosses high and wide from the plate takes away the one big incident of the afternoon.

Such a rule would be fair to all clubs—and in addition is easily planned. One of the best known umpires of the game states that it would be a simple matter to detect any deliberate attempt at issuing a pass, and that the most effective punishment would be to call a balk, advancing the runners on base.

## MOTORCYCLE NOTES

Forty-nine new motorcycles have been added to the equipment of the Philadelphia police department.

Motorcyclists are elated over the amendment to the sundry civil bill introduced by Senator Heyburn of Idaho providing for an appropriation of \$250,000 for highway improvement in Yellowstone Park.

Clear to the top of Mr. Hamilton, Santa Clara, Calif., on a motorcycle is the accomplishment of H. Conboy, an enthusiastic motorcyclist of Alameda, Calif.

A new motorcycle 24-hour record for Australia has just been made by P. O'Brien who rode 522 miles in the full day. The previous record was 517 miles. Several merchants in Tampa, Fla., who live in suburbs of the city ride motorcycles back and forth to their homes.

Seventy-five motorcycles are to be added to the equipment of the police department of San Francisco, Calif.

W. A. and L. H. Van Buren have just completed a motorcycle trip from Los Angeles to Salt Lake City—a distance of 1,600 miles. Although they had to cross deserts and mountains and ford streams and ride through sand several inches deep, they completed the journey at a total expense of 14 gallons of gas and oil for each machine.

W. E. Dewey recently traveled from Omaha, Neb., to Reading, Pa., on his motorcycle and attained an average of 89.97 miles on each gallon of gasoline.

They are having motorcycle races in sport. The rules have been changed somewhat. This year's game will be more like the old style football, in the feature of closeness of play for some situations. It might be said, the new rules will widen and make narrower the form of attack, will concentrate and spread the defense.

The field will be an even hundred yards long, with the other dimensions the same as before. The number of downs allowed for a ten-yard gain has been increased to four, a thing that will make it easier to score, and give more interest to the play. The rule of a year before last permitting forward passes of any length made possible some mighty pretty plays, and, sure it is most glad we are to see it back in the book. A set of men developed the knack of tucking the little end of the ball into one fist, so that with a slicing heave they were able to pass the pigskin almost incredible distances with a whirling spiral motion that made the flying missile look like a dirigible balloon in flight.

At the same time the coaches trained their ends to sneak along the sidelines until the signal moved the sphereoid, then with a long run to the back of the opposing line they were in place to take that long pass right under the pole to a score. The return of these long sudden throws and the quick catch and dash that followed, will add much to the spectators' appreciation of the game.

All the changes will tend to make scoring more frequent. Of course, it will be possible to play close games this year, but the numbers on the cards will read more like inflated values, that's all.

By making it possible to play four downs instead of three, the new rules put a premium on close line bucking, at least for two tries. This closing up will be offset by the tendency to fast heave openers to right and left, quick eye-deceiving dashes around end, tricks, passes and best of all, that short "inside kick," which makes everything sift out where the individual work of the players can be seen and their strength and agility appreciated.

The shorter field will increase the number of desperate runs for score. The passes this year will be beautiful to watch, so open and free, like a spread out game for the bleacherites to howl about. It will be necessary to use light fast men in the back-field wings and at the line ends. If heaviness was the only needful quality, there would be more reason to kick at the reversion to old brutal bruising forms of play, but as speed and brains is demanded of the player in the position of most peril, it will not swell the casualty list appreciably, this sudden change to the old

## VERNON'S PENNANT.

Claim of Hap Hogan Tigers' Manager.

"I have every reason in the world to think that Vernon will win the pennant. The public doesn't realize that we have been leading the race all along by a small margin, and that naturally creates tension. What will help us is the fact that after we finish this rip on September 10th we will be at home six out of the last seven weeks. That one week will be against Sacramento, a weak club, which practically means we will have as good as seven weeks at home. We can afford to lose some games on this trip for the big advantage at the end."

## SOME DOPE ON THE TWO JOES

Mandot and Rivers Will Enter Ring at About 2 to 1 Money With the Los Angeles Idolators Offering; Both Well Trained

Joe Mandot of New Orleans is overlooking no bets in preparing for his 20-round contest with Joe Rivers in Vernon, Cal., tomorrow, and he will have no excuses to offer if he loses. Mandot has been on the Pacific coast for some time and is in the best of shape.

The betting in California since Mandot has shown what he can do in a training camp, has changed to 2 to 1. Rivers, when the battle opens.

When the records of these two boys are considered, it is found that Mandot has beaten about as good boxers as has Rivers, although experts on the coast claim Rivers has improved so remarkably in the last few months that his past record should not be taken into consideration in making a wager on the result of the bout with Mandot.

Rivers has beaten Conley, Kirkwood, Kilbane, Coster, Reagan, Webster and a few third raters. He won on a foul from Dixon, and drew with Conley. He was knocked out by Kilbane some time after he outpointed Kilbane. He has been fighting a very short time. Wolgast beat him recently.

Mandot has been fighting twice as long as Rivers—about four years. He has beaten Young Saylor, Tommy Kilbane, Boye, Driscoll, Joe Coster, Jack White, Charley White, Yankee Schwartz, Tommy Dixon, Billy Wagner and a lot of others. He has not been knocked out. He lost a ten-round decision to Conley.

## WHERE COLORADO U. PLAYS THIS YEAR

Football Schedule of Boulder School Announced by Manager.

BOULDER, Colo., 31—Manager Weinberger has arranged a harder football schedule this year than ever before for the University of Colorado. Starting with the alumni game to be held at Boulder September 28, they meet the Utah Aggies at Broadway park, Denver, October 5; Colorado Aggies at Fort Collins, October 12; University of South Dakota at Boulder, October 19; University of Wyoming at Boulder, October 26; Colorado college at Colorado Springs, November 2; University of Utah at Broadway park, Denver, November 9; Kansas State Agricultural college at Manhattan, Kan., November 16; Colorado School of Mines at Boulder, November 23, and finish with a game against the Mines of Oklahoma at Broadway park, Denver, Thanksgiving day, November 28.

The strictly American style of college football is dying in Southern California. Other sections, fortunately, are not to be deprived of the only red blood sport on the calendar. But with the invasion of the English game, Rugby, from Canada, the sport that made men pad their shoulders, knees and noses, and apply to doctors for assistance in replacing broken or lost parts after a contest has been losing ground. Nearly all the schools and colleges of the south are figuring on dropping the "feathered wade spawt." In the east and in the Rocky Mountain region, the old game has kept its supremacy. All the big standard universities will retain the only real college sport. More than ever will Yale and Harvard draw the hearts of the faithful to watch the deeds of mighty men on the gridiron of college honor.

Greater than the circus of Rome and the yearly competitions of Ancient Greece is King Football. And if he demands a meed of human limb, or if his roughness takes a life, his devotees will not desert him, for there is no prevalence of the mollycoddle in the American born—even in this upholstered and steam heated age.

## BASEBALL

### STANDING OF THE CLUBS

Club	Won	Lost	Pct.
New York	82	36	.695
Chicago	79	42	.653
Pittsburgh	71	50	.587
Philadelphia	69	54	.564
Cincinnati	57	65	.467
St. Louis	53	69	.434
Brooklyn	44	76	.367
Boston	36	85	.298

### American League.

Club	Won	Lost	Pct.
Boston	87	27	.762
Washington	77	49	.611
Philadelphia	73	50	.594
Chicago	61	61	.500
Detroit	57	69	.452
Cleveland	54	70	.435
New York	45	78	.366
St. Louis	42	82	.339

### Coast League.

Club	Won	Lost	Pct.
Vernon	83	58	.589
Los Angeles	81	57	.587
Oakland	80	63	.560
Portland	58	68	.460
San Francisco	60	83	.420
Sacramento	51	84	.378

### WHERE THEY PLAY TODAY

National League  
St. Louis at Chicago.  
Pittsburgh at Cincinnati.

American League  
St. Louis at Cleveland.  
Detroit at Chicago.

Coast League  
Vernon at Portland.  
Oakland at San Francisco.  
Sacramento at Los Angeles.

### NATIONAL LEAGUE

At Philadelphia—	R. H. E.
Philadelphia	4 9 2
Boston	2 9 2
Batteries—Moore, Kilfer; Hess, Gowdy.	

Second Game—  
Philadelphia 3 9 2  
Boston 1 12 2  
Batteries—Seaton, Kilfer; Tyler, King.

At Pittsburgh—  
Pittsburgh 4 8 1  
Cincinnati 0 3 3  
Batteries—Ferry, Gibson; Harter, Moore, Clarke.

At Chicago—  
Chicago 1 11 3  
St. Louis 2 8 0  
Batteries—Lavender, Madden, Archer; Sullivan, Wingo.

New York-Brooklyn, rain.

### AMERICAN LEAGUE

At Cleveland—	R. H. E.
Cleveland	1 6 2
Chicago	2 8 0

### COAST LEAGUE

At Los Angeles—	R. H. E.
Los Angeles	0 5 0
Sacramento	1 7 2
Batteries—Nagle, Brooks; Munsel, Cheek.	

At San Francisco—  
San Francisco 2 8 2  
Oakland 4 8 1  
Batteries—Bonner, Berry, Killlay, Rohrer.

At Portland—  
Portland 3 8 3  
Vernon 2 7 1  
Batteries—Klawitter, Fisher; Hitt, Agnew.

### AMERICAN ASSOCIATION

Minneapolis-St. Paul, rain.  
Milwaukee, 9; Kansas City, 2.  
Toledo, 6; Louisville, 4.  
Indianapolis, 4; Columbus, 5.

### THREE ANIMALS IN ONE BEING

Grubs Change into Moths and into Flies—Consider the Caterpillars

The metamorphosis of insects from grubs into moths and flies is an astonishing process. A hairy caterpillar is transformed into a butterfly. Observe the change. We have four beautiful wings where there were none before; a tubular proboscis in the place of a mouth with jaws and teeth; six long legs instead of fourteen feet. In another case we see a white, smooth, soft worm turned into a black, hard, crustaceous beetle, with gauze wings.

The hypothesis which, to me, seems most probable is that in the grub there exists at the same time three animals, one within another, all nourished by the same digestion and by a communicating circulation, but in different stages of maturity.

### A GERMAN SCHOOL IN COLOMBIA

A German school is to be established in the city of Barranquilla, Colombia. The Germans living in that region have raised the funds for the land and building, and the German government will send out and maintain the teachers.

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